MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SD #4

The trustees met in regular session Monday, September 17, 2012 at 6:31 p.m. in the library. Those present throughout the meeting were Chair Manny Zuniga, trustees Rhonda Hogstad, Mark Berg, Charlene Severson, Superintendent Brent Lipp, and Business Manager Suzie Zentz. There was one visitor.

The chair called the meeting to order and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

There was one adjustment to the agenda. Brent asked that item 9 (the AMLE Conference) be removed from the agenda.

*Rhonda Hogstad made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Mark Berg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted in favor of the motion.*

There was no correspondence.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Superintendent Brent Lipp recapped his administrative report:

- Brent said that he had been mainly doing “principal work” getting the year started working on student issues. He hopes to work on the staff handbook later this month.
- We are underway with professional development—Jim Staab will be here on the 25th to work on assessments.
- Brent finished the Power Walkthrough program from McRel. He is starting to collect data to better analyze instruction overall. This data can be used in a variety of ways.
- Rimrock Computer switched to our new website format today. We are still working on various issues.
- Brent joined a PLC (Professional Learning Community) for professional development, etc. He felt that he needed to have more training when introducing new ideas to the district.
- The kids are enthusiastically harvesting the garden. Different age groups are working together. We will have photos on the web site soon.
- Dr. Corso, the founder of the “My Voice” surveys, did a one-day OPI sponsored workshop at Canyon Creek. It was very informative and our student participants gave good input. Our scores were good, but we looked at areas we would like to improve in. Individual teachers can also look at information to improve their performance specifically.
- Our early Open House went very well and we had positive feedback regarding this format. Everyone seemed to like the three presentation set up we used. Trustees suggested considering a
general presentation in the gym to include information on PTO and volunteers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS

All our summer projects are completed and paid for. We felt that the roof project went very well and that the quality assurance support was a really good idea. CTA did a great job. We are also very pleased with the job on the stage flooring.

Crystal Gust is interested in filling out the paperwork for the open trustee position. We may have a special meeting to get her on board so we move forward with new trustee training.

NEW BUSINESS

Charlene Severson made a motion to hire Tracy Lawson as Cook’s Helper at $8.50/hour for approximately 15 hrs/week for the 2012-13 school year; Rhonda Hogstad seconded the motion. Brent noted that Tracy lives in the district, so this will work well for her. All voted in favor of the motion.

Charlene Severson made a motion to hire the following individuals for Extracurricular Contracts as recommended by the Superintendent:
  Mike Rice, Athletic Director--$1250
  Mike Rice, 7/8 Boys Basketball--$850
  Kira Kulinsky, 7/8 Girls Basketball--$850
  Kira Kulinsky, 7/8 Girls Volleyball--$700
  Alesia Styren, 5/6 Girls Basketball--$600
  Josh Dyba, 5/6 Boys Basketball--$600
  Erin McGillvray, Math Counts--$700
  Tierney Baffuto, MBI/Student Council--$700
  Kim Dugan, MBI/Student Council--$700
  Terri Linger, Yearbook--$500

Mark Berg seconded the motion. Brent noted that he does not have a coach yet for 5/6th Girls Volleyball. All voted in favor of the motion.

Rhonda Hogstad made a motion to approve a “Not to Exceed $3000” fee to redesign the front entrance of the building; Charlene Severson seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding how this plan could be used to get the community involved and to give the various stakeholders (PTO, 8th
grade, staff, community) ideas to shoot for. Charlene Severson, Manny Zuniga, and Rhonda Hogstad voted in favor of the motion; Mark Berg voted against the motion. The motion carried.

Mark Berg asked why the AMIE Conference was removed from the agenda. Brent explained that it is during the parent/teacher conferences and it would be difficult to reschedule and change plans at this late date. We may see about doing it next year. The AYP funds have no deadline for use.

Brent suggested that the trustees consider having a work session to develop goals for this year. The trustees settled on October 11th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. They will also hold a Special meeting on that date at 5:30 p.m. to appoint Crystal Gust to the board. We will order some food and work through the dinner hour.

The trustees also agreed to move the regular meeting from October 15 to October 22, 2012.

Charlene, Manny and Suzie plan to attend the MCEL conference in Billings October 18-19.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Enrollment update
Board goals
Committee appointments

There being no further business, Charlene Severson made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Zentz, Clerk

Manuel Zuniga, Chair